

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY

Call to Order: Chairman Roy Brown, on March 30, 2009 at 3:00
P.M., in Room 317-A Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Roy Brown, Chairman (R)
Sen. Terry Murphy, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Greg Hinkle (R)
Sen. Carol C. Juneau (D)
Sen. Dave Lewis (R)
Sen. Trudi Schmidt (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Cliff Larsen (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Joan Linkenbach, Committee Secretary
Lisa Mecklenberg Jackson, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 173, 3/25/2009; HB 250,
3/25/2009; SJ 31, 3/24/2009; SJ 32,
3/24/2009

Executive Action: HB 453; SJR 32; SJR 31

HEARING ON HB 173

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:16 Rep. Gordon Hendrick (R), HD 14, opened the hearing on HB 173, Appropriation for rural Montana healthcare delivery assistance pilot project.

00:03:33 Sen. Larsen present

Proponents' Testimony:

00:05:39 Michele Sare, MSN, RN, Lead Public Health Officer for Granite County

[EXHIBIT \(phs70a01\)](#)

00:09:41 Sen. Juneau left the room.

00:13:00 Peggy Stevens, Mineral County

00:16:27 Lora Wier, Montana Public Health Association (MPHA)

00:19:32 Barbara Schneeman, River Stone Health

00:22:49 Sen. Juneau now present

00:23:02 Melanie Reynolds, Health Officer, Lewis and Clark County

[EXHIBIT \(phs70a02\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:24:49 Sen. Lewis

00:25:24 Ms. Sare

Closing by Sponsor:

00:27:36 Rep. Hendrick

HEARING ON SJ 31

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:31:06 Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy (D), SD 16, opened the hearing on SJ 31, Study child trauma due to effects of domestic violence.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:34:35 Eve Franklin, representing Governor Schweitzer's Office
on health issues
00:35:38 Judy Reel, Montana Coalition Against Domestic and
Sexual Violence
00:37:24 Robert Allen, Executive Director, Montana Nursing
Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:38:09 Sen. Windy Boy

HEARING ON SJ 32

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:38:46 Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy (D), SD 16, opened the hearing
on SJ 32, Study fetal alcohol and related syndromes.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:42:04 Eve Franklin, representing Governor Schweitzer's Office
on health issues.

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:44:40 Sen. Juneau
00:45:30 Sen. Windy Boy
00:45:36 Sen. Juneau
00:45:46 Sen. Windy Boy
00:48:11 Chairman Brown
00:48:21 Sen. Windy Boy

Closing by Sponsor:

00:49:23 Sen. Windy Boy

HEARING ON HB 250

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:50:46 Rep. Gary MacLaren (R), HD 89, opened the hearing on HB 250, Revise comprehensive health care act and provide funding mechanism.

EXHIBIT (phs70a03)

00:51:02 Sen. Hinkle left the room.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:55:36 Frank Cote, Senior Director, Blue Cross/Blue Shield (BCBS)

00:56:18 Sen. Hinkle present

00:56:25 Sen. Juneau left the room.

00:56:40 Don Allen, National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors of Montana

00:57:53 Jamie Guenther

EXHIBIT (phs70a04)

00:59:28 Sen. Juneau present

01:02:58 Christina Goe, Chief Legal Council, State Auditor's Office (SAO)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:05:03 Sen. Lewis

01:05:36 Ms. Goe, SAO

01:06:29 Chairman Brown

01:06:43 Rep. MacLaren

01:06:58 Mr. Cote, BCBS

01:07:13 Chairman Brown

01:07:32 Mr. Cote, BCBS

01:08:31 Chairman Brown

01:08:39 Mr. Cote, BCBS

01:08:48 Chairman Brown

01:08:56 Mr. Cote, BCBS

01:11:14 Chairman Brown

01:11:51 Rep. MacLaren

01:12:59 Chairman Brown

01:13:34 Rep. MacLaren

Closing by Sponsor:

01:14:12 Rep. MacLaren

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 453

01:16:38 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Schmidt moved that **HB 453 BE TABLED.**
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJR 32

01:17:11 **Motion:** Sen. Hinkle moved that **SJR 32 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:17:30 Chairman Brown

01:18:08 Sen. Schmidt

01:18:52 Chairman Brown

01:19:07 **Motion/Vote:** Chairman Brown moved to **CONCEPTUALLY AMEND SJR 32** to include methadone patches. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

01:19:30 Chairman Brown asked for discussion on SJR 32 as amended. There was no formal motion.

Discussion:

01:19:41 Sen. Schmidt

01:20:47 Sen. Larsen

01:21:20 Chairman Brown

01:21:54 Sen. Larsen

01:21:59 Sen. Schmidt

01:22:15 Chairman Brown

01:22:30 **Motion/Vote:** Chairman Brown called for a vote on SJR 32 as amended. Without objection, this was considered to be a motion. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJR 31

01:23:02 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Murphy moved that **SJR 31 DO PASS.**
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

01:23:30 Chairman Brown

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:00 P.M.

Joan Linkenbach, Secretary

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Additional Exhibit:

[EXHIBIT \(phs70a05\)](#)

Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([phs70aad.pdf](#))